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TO AMEMBASSY LUSAKA

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AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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SUBJECT: MARINE SECURITY GUARD

REF: STATE 50226 AND LUSAKA'S 539

1. IN EARLY 1970 AMBASSADOR TROXEL REPORTED DISCUSSIONS WITH PRESIDENT KAUNDA ABOUT THE POSSIBLE ASSIGNMENT OF MARINE SECURITY GUARDS TO U. S. EMBASSY LUSAKA. KAUNDA WAS REPORTED TO BE SYMPATHETIC BUT RELUCTANT TO SET A PRECEDENT BY ALLOWING AN INCREASE IN CEILING FOR THIS PURPOSE.

2. IN VIEW RELUCTANCE OF KUANDA OVER INCREASE IN EMBASSY COMPLEMENT, DISCUSSIONS WERE HELD WITH MINISTER OF STATE MILNER RE THE POSSIBILITY OF ASSIGNING MARINES UNDER AID QUOTA. MILNER SEEMED FEEL THIS COULD BE DONE, IF MARINES WERE ASSIGNED QUIETLY AND IN CIVILIAN CLOTHING AND AGREED TO PRESENT SUBJECT TO PRESIDENT. NOT CLEAR FROM DEPT. FILES IF MILNER EVER CARRIED THROUGH WITH OFFER.

3. IN ANY EVENT, WITH RESPECT TO PARAGRAPH NO. 3 REFER TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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3 FAM 149 AND THE FOLLOWING:

A. MINIMUM SIZE OF MSG COMPLEMENT IS NCOIC AND FOUR WATCHSTANDERS. HOWEVER, RECOMMEND NCOIC AND FIVE WATCHSTANDERS TO ALLOW FULL TWENTY- FOUR HOUR COVERAGE.

B. MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENTS ARE NOW ASSIGNED TO THE FOLLOWING EMBASSIES IN AFRICA: ABIDJAN, ACCRA, ADDIS ABABA, BAMAKO, DAKAR, KAMPALA, KHARTOUM, KINSHASA, LAGOS, MOGADISCIO, MONROVIA, NAIROBI, PRETORIA, RABAT, TUNIS AND YAOUNDE.

C. MARINES ASSIGNED TO 100 U. S. FOREIGN SERVICE POSTS WORLD- WIDE, GENERALLY IN UNIFORM AND ARMED ON DUTY. USED STRICTLY FOR INTERNAL SECURITY OF EMBASSY PREMISES. ASSIGNED AS MEMBERS OF EMBASSY STAFF AND ISSUED OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

CONCEPT USED WORLD- WIDE AND OPENLY ACCEPTED AS OUR METHOD TO INSURE TWENTY- FOUR (24) HOUR U. S. PRESENCE IN THE EMBASSY. NORMALLY, DO NOT WEAR UNIFORM OUTSIDE EMBASSY PREMISES.

OTHER COUNTRIES HAVE SIMILAR GUARD SERVICES BUT DO NOT NORMALLY UTILIZE MILITARY OFFICIALLY. MARINE GUARD IN U. S. EMBASSY HAS BECOME SYMBOL OVER THE PAST TWENTY- FIVE YEARS.

EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN IT BEST TO CLARIFY ALL THESE MATTERS AT THE TIME OF ESTABLISHMENT OF COMPLEMENT TO PRECLUDE PROBLEMS OF ENTRY, WEARING OF UNIFORM AND PRESENCE AND SHIPMENT OF WEAPONS AND AMMUNITION FOR GUARDS. WEAPON IS JUST PART OF THE UNIFORM AND SYMBOL OF THE AUTHORITY WITHIN PREMISES.

A/ SY POUCHING COPY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND THE MSG HANDBOOK.

4. AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI SUGGESTS NOT MENTIONING CEILING IN APPROACH. RELY ON KHARTOUM INCIDENT, GENERAL TERRORISTS ACTIVITY AND SYMPATHY OF GOVERNMENT. IF PROBLEM DOES LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ARISE RE CEILING, SUGGESTS WE ASK GOV TO TELL US HOW IT

MIGHT BE DONE. FYI U. S. EMBASSY IN DAR ES SALAAM WORKING
ON INTRODUCTION MARINES AND NAIROBI AND KINSHASA HAVE HAD
THEM FOR MANY YEARS.

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